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1. MISSION SUBMISSION FOR COUNTRY DATA SHEETS ON TURKEY,
TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY ON
SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR FY 79, IS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 2
BELOW. ADDITIONAL AMPLIFYING DATA ARE CONTAINED IN THE
MISSION'S CONSOLIDATED COMMENTS ON TURKEY'S NOVEMBER 1977
NATO DEFENSE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMISSION (REF B) AND
THE MISSION'S DETAILED SECURITY ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT FOR
FY 79 (REF C).

2. FOLLOWING IS DATA FOR COUNTRY DATA SHEET PER REF A
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OUTLINE:

I. THE COUNTRY

A. ECONOMIC PROFILE:

-- POPULATION: CURRENTLY ESTIMATED AT 43 MILLION.
ANNUAL GROWTH RATE 2.5 PERCENT OR 1.1 MILLION BIRTHS PER YEAR.
-- INCOME: ANNUAL PER CAPITA INCOME \$1,065 IN 1977.
AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF GROWTH IN PER CAPITA INCOME 1967-77

HAS BEEN 4.2 PERCENT.

-- GROWTH: RATE OF OVERALL REAL GROWTH IN GNP, 1970-75 HAS BEEN 7.7 PERCENT PER YEAR. THIS RATE DECLINED TO 7.2 PERCENT IN 1976 AND 5.0 IN 1977. THE PAST TWO YEARS' DECLINE IN TURKEY'S GROWTH RATE RESULTED FROM BOTH OIL PRICE RISES AND THE GENERAL ECONOMIC RECESSION IN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. IN 1977, THE GROWTH RATE WAS ALSO CONSTRAINED BY A VIRTUAL HALT IN THE SUPPLY OF FOREIGN CREDITS TO TURKEY PENDING IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM THAT WOULD REVERSE THE TREND TOWARD INCREASING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS. WITH REGARD TO ECONOMIC STABILIZATION, A LETTER OF INTENT FOR IMF STANDBY CREDITS WAS CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE GOT AND IMF ON MARCH 23, 1978.

-- BALANCE OF PAYMENTS: TURKEY'S BASIC BALANCE OF PAYMENTS INDICATED A DEFICIT OF \$3.1 BILLION IN 1977, CONSIDERABLY ABOVE THE DEFICIT OF \$1.8 BILLION IN 1976 AND \$1.3 BILLION IN 1975. TWO MAJOR REASONS FOR THESE MUSHROOMING DEFICITS WERE INCREASES IN THE TRADE DEFICIT (\$3.3 BILLION IN 1975 TO \$4.0 BILLION IN 1977) AND DECREASES IN THE INFLOW OF FOREIGN WORKERS' REMITTANCES (\$1.3 BILLION IN 1975 TO LESS THAN \$1.0 BILLION IN 1977).

-- TRADE: AS USUAL, TWO-THIRDS OF TURKEY'S EXPORTS IN 1977 WERE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THE MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES WHICH TURKEY EXPORTS ARE COTTON, TOBACCO, NUTS, GRAIN AND CITRUS FRUITS. ITS LEADING INDUSTRIAL EXPORT IS TEXTILE PRODUCTS. APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF TURKEY'S EXPORTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE TO COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES. ANOTHER 10 PERCENT OF ITS EXPORTS GO TO THE U.S. APPROXIMATELY 9 PERCENT OF TURKEY'S IMPORTS ARE FROM THE U.S.

-- LITERACY RATE: 6.2 PERCENT IN 1975.

-- LIFE EXPECTANCY: 54 YEARS AS OF 1973.

-- PEOPLE PER DOCTOR: 1,880 IN 1974.

-- NUTRITION: ACCORDING TO A 1977 TURKISH GOVERNMENT SURVEY SPONSORED BY THE WHO, DAILY REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF AVERAGE CONSUMPTION PER CONSUMER UNIT AND CALORIE INTAKE PER CAPITA ARE BEING MET.

B. POLITICAL SITUATION:

-- FORM OF GOVERNMENT: MULTI-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY.

-- PARTICULAR PROBLEMS: CYPRUS DISPUTE; CONGRESSIONALLY-MANDATED U.S. ARMS TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; DISPUTE WITH GREECE OVER THE AEGEAN SEABED, TERRITORIAL SEAS AND AIRSPACE, AND OVER TREATMENT OF THE GREEK MINORITY IN TURKEY AND THE TURKISH

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MINORITY IN GREECE; THE RISING LEVEL OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL
VIOLENCE BETWEEN RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST EXTREMISTS; AND THE
DOMESTIC POLITICAL EFFECTS OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. (SEE ALSO
PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 4(A) REF C AND ANKARA 1231, (NOTLAL.

C. HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITONS: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND
FREEDOM HOUSE HAVE GIVEN TURKEY GENERALLY GOOD REPORTS. THE
GREEK GOVERNMENT AND ETHNIC GREEK ORGANIZATIONS IN THE US
HAVE COMPLAINED OF THE TREATMENT OF THE GREEK MINORITY IN
TURKEY; COMPLAINTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE ABOUT THE TREATMENT
OF THE ARMENIANS AND KURDS IN TURKEY. WITH REGARD TO THE
GREEK MINORITY, HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT MET RECENTLY
WITH GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE REPRESENTATIVES, REVIEWED THEIR
COMPLAINTS, AND PROMISED ACTION. (SEE ALSO PARA 4(I) REF C)

II. US INTERESTS AND POLICIES.

A. POLITICAL:
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1. MAINTAIN DEMOCRACY IN TURKEY AND IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.
2. COOPERATE IN RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

B. SECURITY: SEE PROGRAM JUSTIFICATION FOR TURKEY, PAGE 227 OF CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT (CPD) ON FY 79 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

C. ECONOMIC:

1. TRADE: THE US SHARE OF TURKEY'S IMPORTS HAS DECLINED FROM 11.8 PERCENT IN 1971 TO 8.5 PERCENT IN 1976. THE VALUE OF TURKEY'S IMPORTS FROM THE US INCREASED FROM \$129 MILLION IN 1971 TO \$438 MILLION IN 1976, BUT THE VALUE OF TOTAL IMPORTS INTO TURKEY INCREASED AT AN EVEN FASTER RATE. THE US SHARE OF TURKEY'S EXPORTS HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT THROUGHOUT THE 1970'S. THE BULK OF US IMPORTS FROM TURKEY IS TOBACCO; THE NEXT LARGEST CATEGORY (10 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS FROM TURKEY IN 1976) IS NON-FERROUS METAL ORES AND CONCENTRATES, INCLUDING CHROMIUM. THE OVERALL BALANCE OF TRADE IS PRESENTLY FAVORABLE TO THE US, BUT OUR INTEREST IS IN EXPANSION OF TWO-WAY TRADE WITH TURKEY.

2. US-OWNED INVESTMENT: THE BOOK VALUE OF US INVESTMENT IS ONLY ABOUT \$125 MILLION. TURKEY DOES NOT OFFER A HOSPITABLE CLIMATE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT. THE US WOULD LIKE TO SEE FAIR AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN INVESTORS.

3. OTHER ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS: TURKEY, WHICH HAS BEEN SUFFERING AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, HAS SUBSTANTIAL OVERDUE DEBT TO INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BANKS AND FOREIGN EXPORTERS. THE US GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT TURKEY REPAYS ITS DEBTS TO THE USG (EG, FOR FMS, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND EXIM LOANS) AS WELL AS TO US BANKS AND FIRMS AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

III. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

--DEVELOPMENT: NONE SINCE 1975.

--PL 480: NONE

--SECURITY ASSISTANCE:

1977-\$125 MILLION FMS CREDITS AUTHORIZED.

1978 - \$175 MILLION FMS CREDITS AUTHORIZED.

1979 - \$175 MILLION FMS CREDITS PROPOSED. (NOTE: IF THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO EFFECT IN FY 1978, THE FMS LEVEL WOULD BE REVISED TO \$200

MILLION AND \$50 MILLION IN MAP AND IMET FUNDS WOULD BE REQUESTED.)

B. IFI PROGRAMS (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS) -1977:

1. IBRD-\$144.0

2. IFC - 0.2

E. UNDP - 1.3

4. EEC - 6.0

TOTAL \$151.5

C. OTHER DONORS: DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

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IV. OBJECTIVES OF US ASSISTANCE:

A. DEVELOPMENT AID: NOT APPLICABLE.

B. PL 480: NOT APPLICABLE.

C. SECURITY ASSISTANCE: THE OBJECTIVES OF THE US
SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FY 79 ARE CONTAINED IN THE
CPD, PAGE 227.
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